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SUBJ: GOCR APPREHENSIONS OVER PROPOSED REVISION OF MEAT IMPORT ACT

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1. RECENT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW AND PROPOSED REVISION OF MEAT IMPORT ACT HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AMONG GOCR OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT RODRIGO CARAZO, THAT U.S. MIGHT ADOPT MORE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES AFFECTING ADVERSELY COSTA RICAN MEAT EXPORTS TO U.S. CABINET MEETING OF AUGUST 10 DEALT WITH ISSUE AND AT THAT TIME PRESIDENT CARAZO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PRESENT MEAT IMPORT QUOTA SYSTEM MIGHT BE REPLACED BY A NEW AND MORE RESTRICTIVE FORMULA IN WHICH CONGRESS WOULD SET INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY QUOTAS. CONSIDERABLE PRESS ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT'S PREOCCUPATION.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY ON AUGUST 17, IT WAS REPORTED THAT MINISTER OF ECONOMY FERNANDO ALTMANN STATED THAT THE GOCR, IN CONCERT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, WOULD UNDERTAKE EFFORTS AIMED AT SEEKING THAT QUOTA-SETTING AUTHORITY BE RETAINED BY THE PRESIDENT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF QUERIES RE PRESS REPORTS, MINECON STATED
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THAT STORY WAS INACCURATE AND THAT GOCR WAS NOT PLANNING TO TAKE ANY ACTION RE U.S. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS BUT THAT HE, AS WELL AS GOCR, VIEWED PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF MEAT IMPORT ACT WITH APPREHENSION. EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO MINECON WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFO AND APPEARED PLEASED WITH ADMINISTRATION POSITION RE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE BILL. MINECON THIS WEEK ALSO EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR REALIZATION THAT

CURRENT AND LIKELY AUTHORIZED LEVELS OVER NEXT YEAR OR TWO
PROBABLY WOULD NOT POSE PROBLEM AND REITERATED COSTA RICAN EFFORT
TO REACH 65,200 MILLION POUND LEVEL THIS YEAR.
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